ग्रामीण श्रमिकों की दशा को सुधारने के उपाय

1300. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ग्रामीण अंचलों में कार्यरत श्रमिकों का कोई मान्यता प्राप्त संगठन नहीं है तथा उनकी आर्थिक दशा बहुत ही शोचनीय है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इन श्रमिकों की दशा को सुधारने के लिए कोई उपचारी कदम उठाये गये हैं ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ; और

(घ) सरकार की इस सम्बन्ध में भावी योजना क्या है ?

श्रम और कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान) : (क) से (घ) यह सच है कि ग्रामीण श्रम बल का बहुत बड़ा भाग असंगठित है और इनका ट्रेड यूनियनों, आदि द्वारा प्रतिनिधित्व नहीं किया जाता है। तथापि, पिछले दो दशकों के दौरान, अनेक संगठनों, पंजीकृत ट्रेड यूनियनों और स्वैच्छिक संगठनों दोनों ने देश के विभिन्न राज्यों में ग्रामीण श्रम बल को संगठित करने के विभिन्न प्रयास किए हैं। ग्रामीण कर्मकारों के इन कुछ संगठनों को सरकार द्वारा मान्यता प्रदान की गई है और इन्होंने सरकार द्वारा आयोजित गोष्ठियों, विचार-विमर्शों और कार्यक्रमों में भाग लिया है। यह भी सत्य है कि हमारे ग्रामीण कर्मकारों का बहुत बड़ा भाग गरीबी रेखा से नीचे रहा है। तथापि, इस तथा सम्बद्ध कार्यकलापों में सुधार से संबंधित विभिन्न विधायी उपायों को पारंभ करने और विभिन्न गरीबी-निवारण कार्यक्रमों को लागू करने से विभिन्न योजना अवधियों के दौरान गरीबी में निरंतर कमी हुई है। योजना आयोग द्वारा लगाए गए अनुमान के अनुसार, गरीबी अनुपात 1984–85 में 37% से कम होकर 1989–90 में 26% से भी कम हो गया है। सरकार ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के लोगों की आर्थिक दशा में सुधार करने के अपने प्रयासों को जारी रखने के लिए दृढ़ संकल्प है और इसने भविष्य में ग्रामीण विकास की विभिन्न योजनाओं के लिए अतिरिक्त निधियां निर्धारित करने का निर्णय लिया है।

Modernisation of edible oil processing technology

1301. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for modernisation of edible oil processing technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there are any possibilities of achieving self-reliance in vegetable oil production by such modernisation?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Government has submitted a detailed action plan for modernisation of vegetable oil industry. Some of the areas which have been stressed upon are increasing production of rice bran oil through modernisation of huller rice mills, setting up of modern integrated plants in respect of processing of oil bearing material like groundnut, mustard, soyabean, rice bran, cottonseed, etc., setting up of detoxification facilities for export promotion, creation of scientific storage facilities so as to minimise spoilage/deterioration of the oil bearing materials etc.

Towards modernisation Government has already taken several measures like liberal incentives for setting up in house R&D units, licensing of industries based on indigenous techology, fiscal incentives including incentives for import of certain equipments considered necessary for transfer of technology.

(c) Modernisation will help in better utilisation of available raw materials at lower cost. All-cut efforts are being made for augmenting production of oilseeds by increasing productivity to achieve self-reliance in vegetable oils.

Conversion of Harijans in Meerut, U.P.

1302. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reported conversions of Harijans into Sikhism near Meerut city of Uttar Pradesh on 26th January, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such conversions; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) The material is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the table of the House.

Commercial operation by NDDB

1303. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that NDDB is conducting commercial operation such as dairy machinery imports and sales, Consultancy services, sale of Dhara Oil and other products and undertaking contracts, etc. like other public undertakings;

(b) whether NDDB is paying Income Tax and other taxes like other public sector units;

(c) whether NDDB is paying Bonus to all its employees; and

(d) whether NDDB is subject to audit by CAG ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is performing its functions in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of the NDDB Act, 1987.

(b) As per the provisions of the NDDB Act, 1987, the NDDB is exempted from the payment of Income Tax. However, NDDB is paying other taxes viz., Sales Tax, Excise Duty etc. as per existing laws.

(c) The question of payment of bonus by NDDB to its employees is *sub-judice* before the Supreme Court. The NDDB is paying every year ex-gratia compensation to its eligible employees.

(d) Section 28(1) of the NDDB Act, 1987 provides that the accounts of NDDB shall be audited by auditors duly qualified to act as auditors of companies under the Companies Act.

Audit of Accounts of NDDB

1304. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether accounts of NDDB and erstwhile IDC were being audited by CAG;

(b) whether it is a fact that under new NDDB Act 1987, CAG is not competent to audit A/C's of NDDB handling nearly Rs. 2000 of public funds;

(c) whether Government have been IDCs reports of 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 incorporating comments of CAG; and

(d) whether as per Government procedures all non-official chairman are required to draw token Re. 1/- per month as salary and if so, reasons for dispending with the practice ?